

## State College Farmers Week, Feb. 4 to 8

### STUDENTS ASSN. OF THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

By Everett Gillis.

The Student's Association of the School of Agriculture is making and carrying out extensive plans for the term of 1928 and 1929. Many new ideas have been included in the program as outlined last year, which denotes progress and advancement in the social education of the Aggies.

Upon enrolling, every student pays a certain fee to the Student's Association for activities. The sum is budgeted by the Board of Control, composed of representatives from the four classes of the school. For the purpose of budgeting and carrying out the duties of the Association, the board is divided; each division caring for the activities listed under its head and under the supervision of a competent member of the board.

The business of the association is practically covered under nine heads or divisions and is composed of: 1.—basketball, which covers the budgeting of the finance for that activity, which includes basketball suits, trips to other schools for games, and basketball sweaters for the players earning them under the rules of the constitution of the Association. This year a very complete schedule of games has been arranged for the Aggies and under the instruction of the coach, the players should feel proud to represent the School of Agriculture in this clean and honest sport. 2.—Military, which has charge of all of the activities of the junior unit of the R. O. T. C., which are in any way connected with the association. This includes the annual field meet which provides a program of competition between the two companies and the boys and girls rifle teams; the latter being a new activity for the girls. The members of the teams are awarded sweaters under the Association's rules, requiring a certain score to be shot in the matches. 3.—Inter-academy debate. The most promising debaters in the student body are chosen to represent the school in the debate teams which compete with teams from other schools. The board member in charge of this division arranges with the coach in charge of debating for trips to other schools. Also submit recommendations to the Board of Control for standard School of Agriculture medals, which are awarded to every debater on the teams who makes a creditable showing.

5.—Crops and grain judging is a new activity just starting last year but gained a foothold and is prominent in the schedule this term. The judging team is coached under an interested and competent instructor and last year competed with other agricultural schools in Minnesota and North Dakota. Medals are awarded the team members in accordance with regulations.

6.—Livestock judging deserves credit and recognition as an interesting and profitable activity in the school. Many hours are spent in judging and study by the boys who represent the School of Agriculture through this team. The trip taken by the livestock judging team is very similar to that of the

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### MEMBER CLASS '15 WANTS REUNION

The Aggie News and the Class of 1915: It was my privilege the first part of October to visit the South Dakota State College and School of Agriculture. I found many changes had taken place on the old campus and building in the last six years. The Old North building was standing there as of old and on the second floor I found the office of Professor Scarbro of the School of Agriculture. It was, indeed, a pleasure to meet Professor Scarbro who has taken such a great interest in the school and its students, so that it is becoming a stronger institution each year.

To me the education of our farm boys and girls becomes a duty and a sacred responsibility in the leadership of our young men and women of tomorrow.

It has always been my desire that the class of 1915 issue an annual class letter. It serves somewhat that purpose of a personal letter in that it informs one just a little of what his old class mates are doing from time to time and where located. Through Mr. Scarbro we could secure our class change of names and addresses. Through this source of being in touch with one another we could sometime in the near future (say this coming summer) plan a class reunion to be held at some central point. I think now with good roads and our automobiles we could get away from work and worry for at least a couple of days vacation. I, for one, would try to be there.

Since September 11th, 1928, I, like other members, have volunteered to give married life a test. We have been having delightful auto trips in connection with my husband's work over parts of Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota.

Class of 1915, what do you say about a class reunion, summer of 1929, and issuing a class letter. How about it?

I enjoy the Aggie News and I am for the School of Agriculture and its future progress.

An Alumni Member,  
Mrs. Grace Lindsey Steinhoff,  
101 No. Moore Street,  
Ottumwa, Iowa.

### Farm Economics Dept. Makes Study of Combine Uses

That large-scale cutting with harvester - thresher combines is one of the principal causes of excess moisture content of combined grain was pointed out today by G. Lundy, of the department of farm economics. Mr. Lundy recently issued a summary of his findings last summer in Hughes, Sully, and Potter counties, where about one-fifth of all the harvester-threshers in the state were at work.

Because some combine owners cut as much as 1,200 acres in a single season, they are forced to begin before the grain is ripe enough for combining, Mr. Lundy declares. They are also likely to enter the fields too early in the morning after a heavy dew or too soon after a rain.

Despite some difficulty with moist combined grains, Professor Lundy asserts that the combine is adapted to the grain growing areas of the state if it is used on grain sufficiently dry.

### Enrollment of School of Ag.



P. J. Scarbro

The schools enrollment is the largest this year in the history of the school. When school was organized in 1908 they had an enrollment of 103. The enrollment in 1914 - 1915 was 266. In 1915 the school graduated 52, which was the largest class graduated from the three year course. During 1919-1920 the record shows an enrollment of 333, however, a large percentage of this group were vocational students who took a part of their work in the school. Our enrollment for 1928-1929 is as follows: Freshmen, 90; sophomores, 72; juniors, 69; seniors, 61; special students, 2 or a total of 294 students. This gives us 25% increase in total enrollment over last year. Our enrollment was one-fourth larger than the preceding year. Our senior class is the largest in the history of the school and will establish a good post for future classes. Our enrollment of girls has increased. We have 11 girls in the senior class; 21 girls in the freshman class. We are sure the alumni and former students will be pleased with this good showing in enrollment. With your help we can have a twenty per cent increase in enrollment each year.

### College Enrollment Largest in History

Has Increased Almost 50 Per Cent  
In Past Five Years Many Transfers.

The largest collegiate enrollment in the history of the college has been reported by college officials. At the opening of the second week of school, there was a substantial increase over last year's enrollment and late arrivals increased the lead over last year.

Figures covering the five year period since President C. W. Pugsley has directed the institution disclose the fact that the collegiate enrollment has increased almost 50 per cent in that time.

A record breaker in this year's enrollment is in the senior class, which is 15 per cent larger than the senior class of last year at a similar date. An unusual return of students and a large transfer from other schools is responsible for this large increase in seniors. The number of students taking graduate work is also one-third larger than last year and indicates a growing interest in advanced study at the institution.

The largest freshmen class in the history of the institution this year has enabled the college to maintain its record of last year when the freshmen class was 13 per cent larger than the previous year.—News Letter.

### Corn Developed by College Does Well In Northern Section

Introduced into Walworth county four years ago, the Alta variety of yellow dent corn bred by the college experiment station has given such good results that its popularity has already spread to most of the north central section of South Dakota and to several counties west of the river. This year, according to reports from that area, Alta again gave an excellent account of itself, most of the fields being ready for field selection of seed by the first week of September and producing an abundance of seed for next year.

Walworth county farmers report that barring some well adapted local strains of Minnesota No. 13 and some of Rustler's White Dent and Northwestern dent, Alta is apparently the only variety of dent corn to reach maturity in this year's unfavorable growing season.

George Huff of Selby, and County Agent L. C. Lippert were responsible for bringing Alta to their territory in 1924. They got seed directly from the State college experimental station at Highmore and planted 21 acres on Mr. Huff's farm near Sitka. It yielded almost 50 bushels per acre that year and won the 10-acre corn growing test in Walworth county.

From this field of 21 acres the variety has grown in popularity until it is now produced on almost all the farms in northern Walworth county and has spread to Campbell, Potter and several west river counties where it was received with especial favor. Ziebach, Perkins, and Meade counties have large fields of Alta.

Since its introduction Alta has not failed to produce seed corn. In Walworth county where records were kept by County Agent Lippert, the average yield has been close to 30 bushels per acre, several bushels higher than the average yield in South Dakota.—News Letter.

### Inter-Academy Debate Held

Students of the School of Agriculture are showing considerable interest in inter-academy debating. Judging from the present interest and enthusiasm shown, the school should have a good team.

Friday, December 7th, try-outs were held and a squad of eight were chosen from a group of approximately twenty students. The following people made the squad:

Edwin Cunningham, '29, Conde; Verner Sallquist, '29, Hitchcock; Ward Parsons, '29, Miller; Walter Slocum, '29, Glenham; Carrol Breese, '29, Danforth; Kenneth Helsel, '21, Rumford; Perry Downer, '29, Roscoe; John Barron, '29, Elkton.

No debates have been scheduled before Christmas. An effort is being made to schedule debates with college freshmen of some of the colleges of the state and some of the high schools. The squad will debate the following question: Resolved, that the United States should cease to protect, by force of arms, capital invested in foreign lands except after formal declaration of war.

A special low round-trip rate of one and one-half fare will be offered by railroads for the benefit of everyone traveling to Brookings for the annual Farmers' Week at State college, February 4 to 9, according to word just received. The rates will be available from all parts of the state, according to agreement of the railroads. Tickets may be purchased, between February 2 and 9 inclusive, and the return ticket is good through February 11.

### FARMERS WEEK WILL BE HELD FEB. 4TH TO 8TH

Agricultural interests of the state will again be centered at State college when the annual educational program known as Farmers' Week is held here from February fourth to ninth, inclusive. Professor Kumlein announced today that plans for this event are being formulated and that the program is pretty well mapped out.

Three parallel programs are being made out which will cover practically every phase of agriculture in this state. These three are the Farm program, Homemaker's program, and the Indian Service program. Several well-known outside speakers will be here during the week.

The farm program is built around the theme of livestock production to meet market demands. A special feature will be the presentation of "market outlook material" for products of South Dakota. In these are included livestock and kindred products, poultry and eggs, and grain.

The Co-operative Wool Growers of South Dakota, the three Dairy Associations, Holstein, Gurnsey, and Jersey, the state Poultry Association, and the Baby Chick Association, will hold their annual business meetings on Thursday, and on Thursday evening a Farmers' Recognition Banquet will be held. In this latter, two farmers will again be recognized by State college as Master Farmers, a title which is conferred upon farmers who have been particularly successful in their line of work. The program will end with the Little International Livestock Show, which is sponsored by the Ag. club of the college.

The Homemakers program is to feature "health in the home" and a nationally known speaker who is a licensed physician, will speak. Dr. Caroline Hedger will give four addresses dealing with health, and the child. At this program delegates from the various Home Extension clubs of the state will be present.

Miss Clara Sutter, poultry editor of the magazine "The Farmer's Wife" will be toastmistress at a special banquet for the women. Miss Sutter was formerly poultry extension specialist here. Several women of the state will be awarded the title of Master Farm Homemakers in co-operation with "The Farmer's Wife." This title is quite similar in significance to that of Master Farmer.

The Indian Service program will include many agrarian features, among them dairying, swine production, poultry production, field crops, vegetable and fruit growing, farm structures, and some work on animal health.

The general program committee has been picked and are now busily working on the project. The members of the committee are as follows: Prof. W. F. Kumlein, chairman; Prof. T. M. Olson, Prof. Turner Wright, Dr. A. N. Hume, Prof. W. F. Schnaidt, Horace M. Jones, Extension Director A. E. Anderson and Miss Susan Wilder.

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### GNOTHUTII LITERARY SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE

The literary of today is somewhat different than it has been in the past in some respects as the day, the social hour has been abandoned.

The day has been changed from Friday to Tuesday evening. The meeting starts at 6:45 and closes at 8:00 p. m., and has nothing but strictly a literary program for one hour.

The literary as a whole has a different attitude toward the work than it had the past year. You all knew that there were a great many members that came just for the social activities of the literary society. The doing away with the social hour also did away with the dead weight that the literary was carrying. Of course, this decreases the membership from about fifty to about twenty, but this group of twenty is an active group and are out to learn all that they possibly can from their literary work. They gain just what they put into it.

The program is one hour in length and consists of debates, discussions, talks, readings, music. The program is made out so that students have at least two weeks to work on it.

Our literary members believe that in order to have a good literary we must start on time and have the literary attitude and lots of pep. Since this is the case we have a good literary because it is up and coming. One can tell upon visiting the Gnothutii literary that the members are out for business because of the way the programs are carried out.

There seems to be a great interest in forensic work this year. This is shown by the great number of Gnothutii members that are trying out for interacademy work. I think that a large part of the program of the literary society should be the sponsoring of forensics.

Donald Turner, President.

### Amphictyon Literary Society.

There has been many changes made in the School of Agriculture, improvements which we hope will make it a better school.

Among these changes taking place, our Amphictyon Literary Society is also changing, in a way which we believe and hope, will make it a more useful society. It is going through a period which we believe we could call reconstruction.

Our meetings are held every week, if possible, on Tuesday night, beginning at 6:45 and ending at 8:00. This is done in order to give students more time to study. In making this change our principal took into consideration the fact that a meeting beginning at eight and which closes at eleven or later, does not leave very much time for study that evening.

Another thing that has aroused quite a bit of criticism is the abolishing of the social hour and instead devoting the entire time to constructive and educational programs. This is a step that was taken because there are plenty of other places for social entertainment on the campus that are for Aggies only.

Officers are elected at the beginning of the school year, to serve until the first meeting after vacation, after which new officers are elected to serve until school is out in the spring.

This society is always well represented at the annual inter-society contests and is expected to make competition keen again this year.

The real purpose of this society is to train men and women in becoming leaders in whatever they undertake. It is an important part of their college training.

### AGGIE DEBATE CLUB

The Aggie Debating Club had its first meeting on January 28, 1927. Charter members numbered twenty-three, which is the same number we now have.

It is the object of the organization to furnish its members, by means of frequent practice in forensic disputation, an opportunity to cultivate the art of effective public speaking.

It cannot consist of more than thirty members which gives every member a chance to debate or be on the program several times in the year.

Meetings are held every week. New officers are elected every three weeks, so all the members have a chance to get into office and get the experience. The officers consist of a president, vice president, secretary, sergeant of arms, and treasurer. A critic is chosen for each meeting from the members of the faculty, by the principal of the School of Agriculture.

The constitution and by-laws are made up largely from Robert Rules of Order and is governed by it.

The programs are posted a week before each meeting in order to give the ones that take part time to prepare their speech or debate. Some practice in parliamentary law is also had.

Last year members of the Debate Club were enthusiastic in their support of the intersociety contest and after considerable effort and hard work, won possession of the silver loving cup for 1928.

Since the organization of the club it has played a real part in the School of Agriculture.

Paul Ruby, President.

### New Farm and Home Bulletins Available

Since January 1, a number of new experiment station bulletins and extension circulars have come off the press and are available for free distribution upon request. All of them give practical information on farm and home problems. The experiment station bulletins contain the results of recent experimental work.

Following are the titles and numbers of these publications:

Experimental Station Bulletins. No. Stacked Green Corn for Cattle	229
Better Oats for S. D.	230
Feeding of the Dairy Herd for Profit	231
Taxation and Public Finance in South Dakota	232
Equalizing Library Opportunities in South Dakota	233
South Dakota Potatoes	234
Profitable Farming Systems for Spring Wheat Area	235
Extension Circulars. No. Grow Healthy Chicks	270
Better Team Hitches for S. D.	271
Cow Testing Pays	272
The Health Value of Whole Grains	273
Regulating and Coordinating Health Factors	274
Food Needs For Health	275

## Wedding Bells

On September 18th occurred the marriage of Alfred Brandt, '26, to Miss Virlyn Bonn and Carl Brandt, '28, to Miss Luella Ulrich. Immediately after the ceremony the two couples departed by auto for a ten day tour in Iowa, going by the way of Brookings.

Miss Bonn's home was on a farm near Big Stone City, while Miss Ulrich has for several years been a resident of Big Stone City, but formerly lived on a farm. These young people are making their homes on farms about five miles southwest of Big Stone City.

### STITT - JENSEN

An attractive wedding took place September 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stitt of Huron, when their daughter, Margaret, and James Jensen of Erwin, were united in matrimony. Rev. Frank Tanner of Hitchcock, performed the ceremony at 1 o'clock in the afternoon in the presence of immediate relatives and friends of the couple.

The bride wore a white georgette dress with veil and accessories to match, and carried a showed bouquet of sweet peas and ferns. She entered the room with her father to the strains of Wedding March, by Lohengrin, played by Miss Elsie Marshall of Hitchcock. Two little flower girls, Margaret Stitt, a niece of the bride, and Phyllis Jensen, daughter of the groom, led the procession. The bride was attended by Miss Evelyn Tanner of Hitchcock and Carroll Stitt acted as best man.

After the ceremony Mrs. Edward Stitt served a delicious cafeteria dinner. Immediately following the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen departed for a trip through the Black Hills.

### URBAN - CUMMING

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Urban, of Broadland on October 8th, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Vera, to Ross Cumming, of Broadland. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a trip through the Black Hills.

Miss Gladys Sagness of Sherman, one of our sophomore girls, and Mr. Robert Hammer of Dell Rapids, were married Saturday, November 22. They will make their home on a farm near Dell Rapids after the first of March. Mr. Hammer is in partnership with his brother. We loose a charming sophomore, Robert wins a live partner and efficient home maker. The Aggie School extends congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous wedding life.

## Aggie Activities By Class '29

### THE SENIOR CLASS

Carl Ruby, Vice President

The senior class has a number of things outlined in the line of activities for the remainder of the school year. First on this program is a senior day, during which we are planning a trip to Sioux Falls to visit the many places of interest found there. We have also placed on our list of activities a senior dance and a senior party to be held soon after the Sioux Falls trip.

In finishing up the year we will give a senior class play and also a class day program.

We have just selected the class ring. We think it is an outstanding piece of workmanship, although the monogram it bears is plain in make-up. The ring will be of 10 karat gold and the main body of it is of yellow gold. The top is oblong in shape, made of white gold and beveled slightly upward toward the center. The center is

built up in the form of a flattened circle, made of yellow gold and bears on its face the numbers of 1929. On the four corners of the oblong are built the four letters that stand for the South Dakota State School of Agriculture, S. D. S. A. It will, indeed, be a pleasure and honor to wear a ring of such high merit and something we can carry with us as a souvenir of days here as we go down the path of our life's work.

We, as members of the class of '29, are proud to be members of a class of sixty-one, the largest senior class that the School of Agriculture has ever had. We have seen many changes in our school since the time when we enrolled as freshmen in the fall of '25. These changes have all been for the betterment of the school and we are proud to belong to an institution that is progressing because we feel that we have played at least a part in that movement.

One of the most important changes that has taken place is the general attitude of the student body itself. The students have taken on polish and refinement and they feel more like they are a part of a real, live institution that is working toward higher goals and higher ideals. Changes have been of the moral, the intellectual and the physical.

There are a great many churches in the city of Brookings, representing many denominations and every Sunday we find a great majority of Aggie students taking part in the different services of the different churches. Students are not forced to take part in religious services, but do so by their own free will, or are urged by inspirations and contact that they receive from church going students, instructors and other leaders, especially in the School of Agriculture. This, indeed, shows a progress morally and without morals an institution cannot progress or long endure.

Different clubs and societies have been organized. One of these is the Gold A Club. This is somewhat of an honorary organization, which honors anyone affiliated with the School of Agriculture can attain if they bring one or more new students to school. The purpose of this club is to promote interest toward an increasing enrollment.

The debate club was organized two years ago. It has created a great deal of interest and has been very beneficial to those taking part in its programs. In the past few years literary societies have been slack in their purpose of developing literary work. Their activities had turned mostly to the social, but now the social part of their activities has been discontinued entirely and we see them on the road of real literary progress.

The instructors in our school are better and more in number than they were four years ago. Students are taking more interest in all of the many studies and activities. The per cent of students taking part in public speaking, debate and all forensic activities is much greater now than it has been in the past.

Every year a larger per cent of girls come to our school. The variety of subjects that girls take up has increased. They may take some agricultural subjects such as poultry and dairy husbandry and bookkeeping. All of the things above mentioned are due proof of the mental reaching out and the intellectual advancement of the School of Agriculture.

Our physical activities are becoming more important. The Junior R. O. T. C. has grown so much that it has become necessary to divide the two companies into three platoons each. More men are interested in basketball and many come out for practice and physical training, even if they are not a part of the varsity team.

The girls have a very fine physical training course. A girl's rifle team was organized in the past year.

A mixed chorus of about one hundred voices has been organized—also other music classes. They are doing a good piece of work. The development of the orchestra is enough to demand special mention.

There has been many changes made, especially on the interior of Old North itself. Some rooms have been remodeled. The walls and ceilings have been cleaned and repainted. The floors have been oiled and a new floor was laid in the chapel room. Some new chairs and desks have been added. These changes have been necessary and they go to make up a more pleasant environment for the student body. This is important because environment reflects a great deal on the life of every young person.

We see growth and development in any department of the School of Agriculture that we may turn to. Some classes have become so large that class rooms will not accommodate them. Sometimes it is even necessary to make two divisions of a class of seniors taking certain subjects. Classes are becoming so large that it is impossible to give students the individual attention they should have. Our assembly room is so nearly filled on chapel day that students are crowded nearly up to the platform on which the speakers stand. There is scarcely room for the orchestra to be properly seated.

We demand attention! Our school is growing. It's roots are embedded in a deep fertile soil and a firm foundation. It needs room in which to spread its branches, so to speak, and if it is not given that room its branches will force their way out.

Our school is training men and women to go out into every walk of life and be leaders. About 90 per cent of our students go back to the farm or into other agricultural activities. It has been said, "the strength of a nation lies very near the soil." "Production is the basis of existence." The whole world leans on agriculture. Therefore, agriculture is the fundamental industry of the world. Should we not spend much more time and money to science in agriculture? For those taking part in this great movement have undoubtedly the greatest responsibility known to man. Therefore, science in agriculture should have first consideration.

We, the senior class of '29, are nearing the time when we are going to graduate. Soon we will have heaped upon our shoulders great responsibilities. It has been our purpose while here in school to get the preparation necessary that we might stand firmly under those responsibilities and be of more credit to the community, state and nation in which we hope to live. No matter what we do, whether we go on to school, whether we go into some sort of business or whether we go back to the farm, we will never forget the help and inspirations that we received from our school, the faculty and our fellow students within the school.

In all that we do, we will do according to our motto, which has been our guide through all the time we have spent in the School of Agriculture.—"Ever Onward."

### SOUTH DAKOTA DAIRYMEN HONORED

Forty-six South Dakota dairymen have places on the National herd honor roll for 1928 and received recognition in the form of diplomas at the National Dairy Exposition in Memphis, Tenn., October 13-20, 1928.



## NEWS FROM OUT OVER THE STATE

Kenneth Spear, '15, is living on a farm north of Draper, S. D.

Foster Payne '15, was one of the Brown County delegates to the State Farm Bureau convention at Huron.

Thos. Terney is the Scout Master for the Broadland Boys Scout troop, and now has a dozen boys taking the work.

A baby girl arrived during October to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Terney of Broadland. Congratulations and best wishes.

Ralph Bischoff has been selling Fords the past summer at Huron. Ralph is a natural auto-salesman, so it is quite easy for him to get rid of the flivvers.

Rhea Stitt, '23, is now at the Mass. Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass., where he is teaching and studying toward his Masters Degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Richards are helping Homer's parents run the home farm. They have a small cottage a short distance from the Richards' farm home, which makes a very fine arrangement for both.

Howard Vollenweider, '23, is the new Boys' Club leader for Broadland and vicinity. Howard has been in club work for several years and should make a good club leader. Ross Cumming, '22, was the club leader the past year and had a very successful year.

Alfred Swenson, '18, has been one of the large motor patrols for Beadle county the past year, but we understand that he is going in the implement business in Huron, as he and Carroll Stitt have secured the Massey-Harris agency in Beadle county for the coming year.

Did you notice the Aggie Alumni float in the Hobo Day Parade this year, or was it conspicuous by its absence? No, we don't think the Alumni should monopolize the whole parade but we should be represented, just to show our loyalty to old State if for no other reason. And here is hoping that hereafter the Aggie Alumni will be represented in the parade.

Did you ever hear of Bloomfield, So. Dak.? No I don't suppose you ever have—as it has recently come into existence and hence cannot be found on the map as yet. This new town is located 18 miles north and 6 miles east of Huron, was started by Carroll Stitt, '18, last spring and is doing a thriving business. It consists of a combination gas station, cream station and general store.

Yes, it is rather late now for the Aggies to get together and induce the legislature and Gov. Bulow to appropriate funds for the construction of one of the many buildings needed at State College, but even at that it might be worth while to talk it up now—and perhaps the task will be that much easier two years hence. We know the old Aggie spirit and feel confident that these buildings will be provided for either at the present session or two years hence, but it is up to us, the Alumni and present students, to put it across. Of course, there is another way to get those buildings and help your Alma Mater—if each Aggie in S. D. would induce some boy or girl to attend the Aggie School next fall, it would increase the enrollment in the school 800 per cent, not an impossible task you must admit; just one apiece, and when this is done the state of S. D. will have to furnish more buildings.

Verner Sallquist, '29, Hitchcock, is president of the Aggie Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

Members of other School of Agriculture graduating classes now attending State College are:

James Jensen, '18, is at present employed by Armour & Company in their packing plant at Huron. He is planning on moving on a farm at Lake Preston in the spring.

Ted Shultz, '24, Hetland, dropped in for a few minutes chat with State College friends on his way back to Madison, Wisconsin, where he is studying for his doctorate degree.

The object of the Aggie News is to keep the alumni and students posted on the work and progress of the School of Agriculture and to keep former students and friends in touch with each other.

Members of the graduating class of '28, attending State college are: Lyle Kennedy, Nisland; Albert Konstant, Marvin; Benjamin Reifel, Parmelee; Thorvald Larsen, of Brookings, (Creamery Course).

Herbert Seckerl, '25, Lake City; Edwin Killam, '24, Farmingdale, (School of Agriculture special); George Forby, '24, Onaka; Harold Forby, '24, Onaka; Oscar Bue, '23, Moenville; Jasper Farchild, '23, Elbon; Ralph Zebarth, '27, Shindler; Clarence Stockland, '25, Wakonda; Albert Sander, '24, Redfield; Edwin Hansen, '22, Vermillion.

Wanted: 400 freshmen in the School of Agriculture at State College. The best way to find out about the school is to ask some of the alumni about it or drop a card to Dad Scarbro, Brookings, asking about the school in which eighth grade graduates can enter.

Carroll Allcott after leaving school was in an auto wreck which kept him in the Madison hospital for some time. After leaving the hospital he became reporter for the Madison paper, then the Soo Falls Argus Leader and was later sport writer for the Soo City Journal. He is now in the Philippine Islands doing newspaper work.

A group of Beadle County Aggies gathered at Huron and staged a charivari party at the Ralph Bischoff home, October 6th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Jensen. Refreshments were served and different games were played until a late hour. The group presented Mr. and Mrs. Jensen with a beautiful gift to commemorate the event.

Leonard Crogstad, '27, Alcester, writes that he has applied for a position with the International Harvester Company at Sioux City. He states that his mother wished to move there and that his chance with the International will enable him to use that talking ability that Dad Scarbro used to say he possessed. He also wishes the School of Agriculture a bigger attendance and prosperity.

This is the student publication since the quarterly is divided into four main issues.

1. Student and School of Agriculture edition—December 1.
2. Graduate number and alumni—March 1.
3. Alumni News issue—June 1.
4. State Fair issue—September 1.

Each issue carries all the news items which are sent in or happen to fall into the hands of the staff. If you have an item of interest, send it to the School of Agriculture office and it will find its way to the Aggie News.

Stanley Mateer, '12, Hermosa, had the misfortune of losing his house by fire several days ago.

Albert Sander, '24, Redfield, now a junior at State college, is president of the college Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

Charles Graves, '15, Rosebud, formerly county agent of Ziebach county, has taken charge of the Agricultural Indian Service for all Indian reservations in the state.

Kurt Guenther, '24, Big Stone City, South Dakota, writes that he is enjoying the best of health and prosperity. Kurt is at home on his father's farm east of Big Stone City.

Edwin Hanson, '22, Vermillion, worked as a cow tester for several years after graduation and at the present time is a member of the junior class at State college. Edwin is specializing in dairy husbandry.

Ray Magnuson, '25, Hermosa, former editor of the Aggie News, spent a few hours in Brookings visiting old friends, December 31 Ray is still located at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and reports that his work has many ups and downs, but mostly ups.

Minford Hurst, '29, Dupree, reports that an interesting program of work is being carried on in Ziebach County this winter. A corn show and short course will be held January 9th. This short course is sponsored by State College Extension Service.

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crops judging team and is carefully planned and provided for.

7—Jack Rabbit. This division has charge of arrangements for space in the State college annual, which requires group and individual pictures as decided upon by the Board. Another item may be included under this head which as yet has not been fully worked out. It is a "memory book," which is to be a souvenir of school days for the students although the main purpose is to interest students who would benefit by attending an agricultural school which offers the advantages of ours at State College.

8—Social activities. This requires careful planning and handling of the entertainment for the student body. Much entertainment is provided for by the basket ball games, plays, operas, etc., but a calendar of the social program for the term must include suitable entertainment for all at regular intervals. This requires co-operation between the students and willingness on their part to help the committeemen in charge. Many new plans are being carried out with success along this line and the co-operation has been very good.

9.—Judging contest. As yet little can be said of this division, although a great deal of work has been done toward it. The mention here can do it but little justice, but it may be an activity that will make the livestock contests in the vicinity of Brookings very keen.

As yet it is a tentative activity but holds a major position in our progress towards a bigger and better school.

This plan of division has proved valuable in the extensive program which is a continuation of the work by the Student's Association in the past years. It is only through the splendid co-operation of students working for their own interests that their school can progress. It is the aim of the present Board of Control acting for the Student's Association, that this term will be a real stepping stone in our progressive march toward a bigger and better School of Agriculture.

## Prof. George Gilbertson Makes Important Find

Under the direction of George Gilbertson, assistant professor of entomology, what is thought to be the first effective and practical control ever found for the plum-tree borer has been worked out during the last two years at State college.

This method makes it possible at the cost of a postage stamp a tree to control South Dakota's worst plum pest, which is responsible for millions of dollars worth of damage in the United States every year. It is said to be unusually simple but effective in application as a remedy.

James Jensen asked Tom Terney "How is the girl?"

Tom replied "She is a howling success."



THE AGGIE ORCHESTRA



THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE CHORUS

Aggie students have an opportunity to develop their musical talents. They may get individual lessons in the college music department. They may enter the different groups for class instruction. Regular classes are organized for vocal work. The School Chorus and Aggie Orchestra have two rehearsals each week. Cultural training in music is a part of a practical education.



## Form Gold A Club at School of Agriculture

Constitution Drawn and Plans  
Made for Active Organizations.

A Gold A Club has been formed at the S. D. S. A. limited to those who have through their own effort, encouraged a new student to come to the School of Agriculture. This club was organized by Principal Paul J. Scarbro of the School and Mr. Lyle C. Stitt. The organization banquet was held in February, 1928.

The officers are Theodore Larson, president, Platte, '30; Ralph Hampton, vice president, Maurine, '30; Fern Ibach, secretary, Bruce, '30; Lyle C. Stitt, historian, Brookings, '20. Gold A pins were given out to forty charter members. Those who are eligible for membership to the Gold A club are students and alumni who are responsible for the coming of one or more students to the school.

The alumni have shown their loyalty by creating interest among the students in their own locality. One of the highest ambitions of the alumni should be to send new students back to the School of Agriculture and become a member of the Gold A Club. The Aggie students try very hard to get new students to return with them and take a great deal of pride in wearing a Gold A pin.

There were forty-four charter members and a great many applications have been received for membership this year. The date of the banquet will be announced later so all of the alumni that are responsible for new Aggie students send in your names to the School of Agriculture office immediately.

Theo. Larson,  
President, Gold A Club.

## Home Economics

Another school year is well under way and it may be interesting to note some of the changes which have taken place.

The enrollment in the home economics work has increased over that of last year. at the present time eleven seniors, ten juniors, sixteen sopomores and nineteen freshmen are enrolled in the work in the various classes.

The school has been fortunate to secure Miss Mattie Stoddard as part time teacher in this department. Miss Stoddard has Clothing IV, Clothing II, Textiles and Millinery. Many fine problems are being worked out and keen interest is manifested by the girls.

The class in The Home has made new glass curtains for the foods laboratory and the clothing laboratory. The girls enjoy the work of making the department more home like and are now planning the decoration of the food containers in the pantry.

During the summer vacation many changes were made in laboratories which makes them more pleasant to work in. The walls and ceilings have been refinished in a lighter color, the white woodwork was repainted in ivory the cupboards, desks and tables were finished the same as the woodwork. The floors were refinished and are now nicely waxed and polished.

New shades in light color help to make the rooms more attractive. New equipment has been added in the foods laboratories, which enables each girl to have her desk properly equipped, thus making the work more efficient. Several kerosene stoves were added in the fall to take the place of the gas stoves which we had been unable to use since the chemistry building burned last February. This week we are again enjoying the use of the gas stoves.

A new set of dishes in an attractive pattern has been purchased to

make the table service lessons a real pleasure.

Two new Singer sewing machines have taken the place of several old machines, so that we now have four Singers in good condition and one chain-stitch.

With an attractive laboratory and more equipment the work is progressing well and interest in keeping up the standard of the work is shown in each girl's attitude toward her part.

With increase in enrollment the problem of laboratory room becomes evident, and we hope that some arrangement for more room may soon be made.

## Stitt Writes of Eastern United States Farm Life

Aggie News:

I suppose things are going along in Brookings much the same as usual. The Yankees claim that there is no usual way here especially with the weather. It is wet here most of the time and rains very often. The rainfall is about 50 inches annually. It averaged about 8 inches per month this summer.

Amherst is located on the edge of one of the most thickly populated districts in the United States outside of New York City. There are several cities with over 100,000 population within a hundred miles. There are many less than 15 miles apart with over 50,000 inhabitants.

The farming here is mostly intensified. It is of two types—that in the Connecticut River Valley and the other on the hills.

Tobacco and onions are the principle crops in the valley. In the hills poultry raising and dairying are the chief rural industries. Corn is about the only crop that makes a good growth. Most of that is used as stover or silage. There are many small meadows which furnish the hay crop. By far the larger portion of the land is of no value for farming purposes as it is too rocky. Most of this is covered with third or fourth growth forest. The trees are mostly hard maple and oaks with a few white pine and cedar.

Most of the farming methods in this section are about fifty years behind the times. Machinery of any kind is rare. The harvesting of hay and corn are still performed by hand. A few farmers are more up to date in their methods and they have a mowing machine and a rake.

The biggest problem they have to overcome, however, is not one of methods but of soil fertility and drainage. The high rainfall makes for both poor drainage and low soil fertility. All of the soils are very acidic and most of them are low in potassium. Even pastures grow mostly moss when unfertilized.

Yours sincerely,  
R. E. Stitt.

## Mr. and Mrs. Smith Write From India

Pyinmana, Burma,  
November 18, 1928.

Dear Folks:

It is Sunday night, and a drizzly, sleepy rain is falling. The babies are peacefully asleep but if you could walk into the room in which I am sitting you would know that they were wide awake not many minutes ago. It is strewn with sofa pillows, picture books, dolls and all the rest, because the Karen girls who help take care of them have gone to the Karen church meeting and their daddy has been looking after them while mother writes home letters. Needless to say, they have been having a hilarious time.

The Christmas season is draw-

ing near, our third in Burma, and our thoughts turn often to things of the home. We wish that we did not have to be absent from the home circle on that day of days. And how we would love to take our babies home to share the tree and the fun. We want you to have at least an idea of what our little folks are like and so we had this picture made as soon as Baby Eleanor was big enough to pose. It is a fair likeness of them all. Jean is not as grouchy as she looks in the photo. She was merely angry because her daddy had to be rather stern to get her to sit still. Joe and Jean are sturdy, healthy youngsters and Baby Eleanor is making a good start that way. Margaret does not stand the hot weather very well and has a hard time getting acclimated. But she is much better than she was the first year we were here and we pray that as she grows older she will grow in health and strength.

It is two years this month since we landed in Burma. It seems but yesterday that we stood on the deck of the ship that bore us here and watched the shore of our beloved America disappear in the distance. I can't describe all of the emotions that we have experienced since that day, sorrow and joy, disappointment and victory, have had a place but now after two years, we have truly learned that "home is where the heart is," and, while every day of absence makes us realize more keenly how dear you all are to us, yet we have established our home here and have learned to love these people, not only because of God's love for them and for us, but we love them for themselves. Their needs, their hopes, their possibilities and their problems, have become our interests and we continually thank God for having given us the privilege of serving him in this place. Two years ago we thought of them only as people whom we could help by preaching the gospel but now after two years we also think of them as friends with whom we can work, as they come to know, and to grow, in the Lord.

This has been a "Red Letter" week for us here in Pyinmana. We have just completed our new class room building, costing more than 40,000 rupees (about \$15,000). We have sorely needed this building as the school is growing and we have been badly crowded for room. This building completes the first set of buildings called for in the original plan of the school. On last Friday afternoon we held the dedication services and had with us for the day some of the members of the party who are touring the Mission fields in the interest of the Baptist Mission Board. Dr. J. C. Robbins, his wife and secretary, were detained in Mandalay because of Doctor Robbins illness, but Professor Robbins of Rochester Theological Seminary and Mr. Aldrich, a lawyer from Troy, New York, both members of the Board, were here; also Miss Hilholland from Washington, D. C. We count it a great privilege to have visitors from home and it was a happy day for us all. They spent the morning looking around the school, the farm and in conference with Joe and Mr. Whitaker. After the dedication services in the afternoon we served tea, sandwiches and cake and at 4:40 they took the train to Torungoo, where our mission has several schools.

You will be interested to know something of our plans and prospects. First: We are still young. The first students entered June 6, 1923 (the day we were married) and they graduated March 15, 1927. Everything is in the making. While we have plans for all the fields on paper and the first unit of buildings is completed, there is much yet to be done. As Mr. Aldrich said: "Our life as a school is all in the future." Second: Our place in the missionary enterprise is an increasing necessity. We are taking boys of primary and secondary vernacular education from

all the races and districts of Burma, training them under Christian leadership and influence in the rudiments of agriculture science and practice. We also train them in the facts of the Bible and in the practices of Christian living and witnessing. When they finish they go back to their villages to preach and to teach the people a better way of living. Third: We have every hope of becoming less and less a burden on our mission budget. We do need another man here. There ought to be three men on the field all the while. When the school grows to demand more than that we can recruit them from among our native trained Christians and support them from local sources. We are increasingly fulfilling our hopes of the school being a definite, energetic evangelizing agency. Our boys go out to jungle villages over the weekend when it is possible, preaching and testifying. Some are heeding the call to go to the Seminary and prepare themselves to spend their lives in spreading the gospel.

We feel that our school is beginning to fill a great need in Burma. Please pray for its success and pray for us missionaries that we may have the courage, the patience and the wisdom, necessary in our work.

It will be six weeks before this reaches you. A new year will be beginning, may it hold all the happiness that you wish for.

With much love to all,  
Edna and Joe.

## Extracts From Letters of '24 Class

Ray Hagman, '24, Ashton, writes in this class letter that it was his privilege to be able to attend several of the Aggie reunions this year and it is certainly great to find a large number of the '24 members at each reunion. Then on a trip to Wisconsin, it was my privilege to meet Ted Schultz at Madison and to keep him from his studies for several hours. He showed us a very interesting tour through that large educational institution.

Kurt Guenther, Big Stone City, writes: I managed to convince myself to take a little vacation this summer and took a trip through southeastern Minnesota. I attended the Kampeska picnic, where I met quite a number of Aggies. Ray Hagman surprised me on election day when he stopped in his new Nash coupe.

Arnold Folvik, Wakonda, writes that he is on the farm introducing some of the things I took home from the School of Agriculture.

I took in the Aggie picnic, State fair and Hobo Day, spent the rest of the time at farming. Single, same as four years ago.

Marlow Thoreson.

White Lake, S. D. —Crops not so good due to hail and dry weather. About a half crop all around. I have attended two Aggie picnics and State Fair Aggie Day, one at Centerville and the other at Lake Andes.

Lester Bumgardner.

Milbank, S. D.—The past summer I have been working with the county highway department. I expect to go to school after Christmas, but do not know where I will go.

John A. Nord.

Box 536, S. C. Station, Brookings. —I spent the summer working with the Faulk county bridge crew and at home. At present pursuing my course in engineering here at State College.

Ernest M. Belau.

Brookings, S. D.—Enrolled as a special Aggie at State college. I

brought my brother, Henry, along to get him started in the School of Agriculture. He is the end of the line and when he graduates, it will be the first time for more than ten years that there hasn't been a Killam attending State college.

Edw. P. Killam

Brookings, S. D.—Seems like I appreciate this letter more every year and look for it more eagerly each time. I am still studying away here at State and hope to be turned loose next June. We start looking for positions next quarter and if luck stays with me, I will probably be serving an apprenticeship for a couple of years.

Harold Forby.

Sherman, S. D.—I am baching and caring for the home farm. For a vacation I spent a week in the Black Hills last summer.

Arthur Hollister.

Brookings, S. D.—I worked at home during the year at the usual job, that of raising corn, hogs, baby beef and lambs, but did not sell at the right time so did not raise much cash, but that's history now so why worry. The present is all thou hast, the future will soon be past. I am enrolled as a special Ag. at S. D. S. C.

Geo. A. Forby

Miranda, S. D.—I attended the picnic at Lake Kampeska and Hobo day. There were lots of the old gang at both places. Seven months of farming, an operation for appendicitis, 3 weeks at Livingston, Mont., two days at Yellowstone Park, my summer's program.

T. W. Belau "Bill"

Reliance, S. D.—Had a poor crop on a few fields and other fields, fair crops. We took our belated wedding trip in southern Nebraska and northern Kansas, following the Meridan highway from Yankton south. Found crops good all the way across Nebraska. Wonderful weather so far this winter.

Lyle L. Crane.

Gettysburg—Last summer I purchased a half section from Dad, dug a well, in the meantime putting in a large crop and raising hogs. Lived in a granary until cold weather when we moved into a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Manfull.

Hitchcock, S. D. — Our farm yields quite small. I was too busy last summer to attend any of the picnics. Since hay was scarce and also feed we purchased a Litz grind and mixer grinding alfalfa hay and cornfodder, making a real feed without any waste.

Homer Richard.

Cavour, S. D.—Farming this last year has been lots of fun for me. My father bought a new Farm-All tractor and I do everything with it except milk the cows. I might do that, too, but the noise from the tractor causes the cows to give less milk.

Leon Martin

Wakonda, S. D.—I am still working for my Bachelor of Science degree on the farm and will say it isn't half bad when the crops are as good as this year in this section of the state. The livestock industry, too, has been quite prosperous.

Lylol Abild.

Lake Andes, S. D.—As most of you know, I was married to Fay Crisman, a brother of Calvin Crisman in 1924. We lived on a farm at Wagner until the spring of 1925, when we moved to Lake Andes, which is my address now. We are living on a 480 acre farm. Crops quite poor this year.

Clara Crisman.